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EYES ONLY SECRETARY STEVENSON TALKED WITH SOVIET MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS MIKOYAN RE CUBA. FOL IS REPORT OF LATTER PART OF MTG WITH SOVIET THIS AFTERNOON ON CUBA. STEVENSON SAID HE HAD RECEIVED A COPY OF DECLARATION PREPARED BY CUBAN AMB OF DRAFT DECLARATION WHICH CUBANS PROPOSED TO MAKE IN SC. STEVENSON SAID HE WAS BEGINNING TO WONDER WHETHER UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES THERE COULD BE AN SC. MTG. HE SAID HE HAD HOPED THAT WE COULD AGREE WITH SOVS ON?

DECLARATION TO BE PRESENTED IN SC BUT THAT HE NOW FEELS THAT IF CUBAN DECLARATION LAR THIS CHARTER WOULD NOT FIT IN ANY SC MTG. ON THIS SUBJECT WOULD USE UNIFORM AGREEMENT BETWEEN COUNTRIES AND ALSO TO END CUBA'S 12 OCT. UNDERSTOOD CUBA'S DRAFT DECLARATION CONTAINS SAME POINTS AS IN DRAFS OF CHARTER PROTOCOL WHICH SOV'S TOOK COURSE SUPPORT. THEY HAD FAVORABLE PROTOCOL AS A MEANS OF SOLVING CRISIS. SOVS DID NOT INSIST BUT AGREED TO HAVE A SEPARATE 3. SEPARATE DECLARATIONS. THESE SHOULD OF COURSE CORRESPOND TO AGREEMENTS BETWEEN PRESIDENT AND KRUSHCHEV AND ALSO TO STATEMENTS MADE BY CUBAN GOVT OCT 28 AND NOV 26.

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AT YESTERDAY'S MTG THEY HAD EXPLAINED SORT OF DOCUMENT THEY
CONSIDERED NECESSARY IN ORDER TO REACH AGREEMENT. SO FAR
NEGOTIATIONS HAD BEEN VERY DISAPPOINTING. U.S. DRAFT DECLARATION DOES
NOT DEAL WITH SOME ELEMENTS OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN PRES AND
KHRUSHCHEV AND ON OTHER HAND INTRODUCES NEW ELEMENTS NOT FOUND
IN THAT AGREEMENT. THERE IS NO SIGN ON U.S. SIDE OF
INTENTION TO EXPEDITE FULFILLMENT OF ITS OBLIGATIONS AND
COMPLETION OF CRISIS. SOVS ON THEIR SIDE HAVE CAREFULLY
FULFILLED ALL OBLIGATIONS AND WISH TO END CRISIS AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE, WORK OUT DECLARATIONS ON BASIS AGREEMENT BETWEEN
PRES AND KHRUSHCHEV AND THEN SUBMIT THESE AGREED DOCUMENTS TO
SC FOR ITS APPROVAL.

STEVENSON INQUIRED WHETHER SOV DRAFT DECLARATIONS HAS YET BEEN
COMPLETED.

KUZNETSOV REPLIED THAT SOVS WORKING ACTIVELY ON THEIR DRAFT
BUT HOPED IN MEANTIME U.S. WILL RECONSIDER ITS OWN DRAFT AND
TAKE INTO ACCOUNT SOV COMMENTS.

STEVENSON REPLIED THAT IF WE COULD GET INSPECTION ON THE GROUND
IN CUBA THERE WOULD BE NO SERIOUS DIFFICULTY IN REACHING
AGREEMENT BUT IN ABSENCE SUCH ARRANGEMENTS U.S. WILL HAVE
TO TAKE ITS OWN MEASURES. HE FEARED WE COULD NOT REACH
AGREEMENT ON ALL DETAILS OF 2 DECLARATIONS AND THOUGHT PERHAPS
BEST WE WOULD BE ABLE TO DO IS TO MAKE SEPARATE DECLARATIONS
~~OUTSIDE UN AND TO FILE THEM WITH SYG.~~ HE ADDED HOWEVER THAT
IT MAY BE TOO SOON TO REACH SUCH CONCLUSION UNTIL WE
HAVE SEEN SOVIET DRAFT DECLARATION. HE WOULD OF COURSE
STUDY SOVIET OBJECTIONS TO OUR DRAFT. HE MERELY WISHED TO
SUGGEST THAT WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO REACH AGREEMENT AND HAVE TO
AGREE TO DISAGREE. HE HOPED HOWEVER THIS WOULD NOT BE THE
CASE. STEVENSON

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RE CUBA

FOL IS REPORT OF LATTER PART OF MTG WITH SOVS THIS AFTERNOON
ON CUBA.

Stevenson said that he had received just a few minutes before from UN Secretariat copy of declaration delivered to SYG by Cuban amb of draft declaration which Cubans propose to make in SC. Stevenson said he was beginning to wonder whether under these circumstances there could be an SC mtg. If Cuba presented document along these lines U.S. would have to object vigorously and prolonged controversy in SC would fol. Stevenson recalled that Mikoyan had in earlier mtg opposed controversy in SC and he had agreed. Stevenson said we had hoped that we could agree with Sovs on 2 declarations to be presented in SC but that he now fears that if Cuban declaration of this character is submitted any SC mtg on this subject would be unwise.

Kuznetsov did not reply directly except to say that he understood current draft declaration contains same points as in draft Sov-Cuban protocol which Sovs of course support. They had favored protocol as means of solving crisis and preventing its repetition but since U.S. objected, Sovs did not insist but agreed to have [illegible] 3 separate declarations. These should of course correspond to agreements between President and Khrushchev and also to statements made by Cuban govt Oct 28 and Nov 26.